

15 Years Working With The Community

Since its establishment in 1995, Hiwot Ethiopia has been working with the community on SRH and HIV & AIDS issues among youth and children. Innovative approaches have been employed such as the 'youth to youth' approach, engaging boys and men to fight gender based violence and using a targeted approach to support better SRH among adolescent girls and reduce early marriage.

Engaging Boys and Men

In the past, many programmes have focused on empowering women to gain gender equality. It is now understood that engaging boys and men, increasing their understanding of the issues and gaining their support for solutions is a very effective strategy for increasing the well-being of children and women. Male engagement is a cross cutting strategy for Hiwot Ethiopia and is integrated into all its programmes and activities.

A Targeted Approach to SRH

Research has shown that taking a targeted approach to young people's SRH helps to improve outcomes and practices. Hiwot Ethiopia is supporting good SRH among adolescent girls by using different methods depending on the age group and marital status of the individual. For example, those who are not married are encouraged to stay in school and to delay marriage until after completing their education; those who are married are supported to delay the first pregnancy, and those who already have a child or children are helped to space subsequent pregnancies, as a means of achieving improved SRH



YENIGAT WOG

Tune in to our radio program that addresses engaging with boys and men to prevent child focused sexual abuse and exploitation On Sheger FM 102.1 every Friday 8:40am-9:00am and Wednesday 1:40pm-2:00pm.

HELPLINE: 936

Our helpline provides free counseling services for children and young people, who have been infected and affected and, information on SRH by HIV and AIDS; and information on wider SRH issues.



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Background

Hiwot Ethiopia was initially established as a youth club by fourteen young people who wished to make a difference. From these small beginnings, Hiwot Ethiopia grew and developed into an association, then a registered NGO, and is now re-registered with the Charities and Societies Agency as an Ethiopian resident charity focused on working with children and youth. Hiwot Ethiopia delivers a range of multi-year projects with a number of local and international partners.

Vision

Hiwot Ethiopia envisages a future where children and youth in Ethiopia live healthy, happy and productive lives.

Mission

Hiwot Ethiopia's mission is to work for the positive development of children and youth in Ethiopia, so that they are able to become health, happy and productive, by

- raising awareness of issues affecting children and youth to change attitudes and practices that are harmful to them,
- building the capacity and skills of youth and children, partner organizations and its own capacity and expertise,
- providing practical support and services to children and youth.

Values

Hiwot Ethiopia's values as an organization are:

- Accountability
- Transparency
- Confidentiality
- Respectfulness
- Responsiveness
- Ethical
- Equality of Opportunity

Target Groups

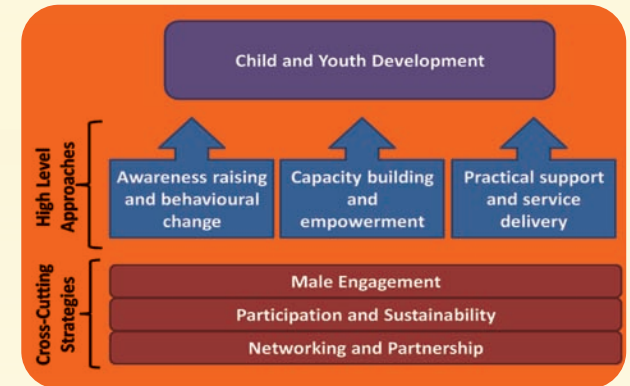
Hiwot Ethiopia's primary target groups are children and youth in Ethiopia, which is the population currently under 30 years of age.

STRATEGIC GOALS

1. Improve the sexual reproductive health situation of adolescents and youth and reduce HTPs and HIV infections .
2. Improve the situation of youth by increasing their abilities and opportunities to access employment.
3. Improve the situation of children by reducing child abuse and exploitation and other forms of harm against children.
4. Improve the situation of children and youth by helping them to have quality education.
5. Strengthen organizational capacity and expand activity into new regions of Ethiopia.

Strategic Framework strategies

Hiwot Ethiopia's broad strategic framework is made up of three high-level approaches and three cross-cutting strategies. These approaches and strategies are incorporated into all of Hiwot Ethiopia's projects and programmes.



Cross-Cutting Strategic Issues

During 2010-2015, Hiwot Ethiopia will work to address the following strategic issues:

Programmatic Strategic Issues

- Gender
- The Environment
- Youth Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH), Harmful Traditional Practices (HTPs) and HIV & AIDS
- Youth Employment
- Child Protection
- Quality of Education and safe school environment.

